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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to prosecution on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph at page 9 lines 1 through 8 with the following rewritten paragraph.

A 1 - - Fig. 3B is a cross-sectional view showing a gate metal electrode after the selective oxidation process was performed. As shown in Fig. 3B, exposed surfaces of the silicon 140, 100 are oxidized, so that silicon oxide layer 120a is formed on the surfaces of the silicon. However, the metal layers 150, 160 are minimally oxidized, so that a relatively small size metal oxide layer 120b is formed on a surface of the metal layers 150, 160. Accordingly, whiskers are not formed on the metal oxide layer 120b after the subsequent heating process. - -